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MRS. KIRKPATRICK CRITICAL OF DODD

She Calls Him 'Demagogic' and
'Irresponsible' in His Reply
to President's Address

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WASHINGTON, April 30 — Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, the chief United States delegate to the United Nations, said today that Senator Christopher J. Dodd was "demagogic" and "irresponsible" in his response on behalf of Congressional Democrats to President Reagan's address Wednesday on Central America.

"A lot of Democrats I know were unhappy with it," Mrs. Kirkpatrick said. She added that Mr. Dodd's speech, televised shortly after Mr. Reagan's appearance before a joint session of Congress, was marked by "very strange and demagogic language and inflated and demagogic use of statistics."

"It was an irresponsible attack on Administration policy," Mrs. Kirkpatrick said in an interview.

Senator Dodd, a Connecticut Democrat and member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said in a telephone interview today that his remarks were "carefully drawn" and had the approval of the two ranking Democrats in Congress, Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. of Massachusetts and Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, the minority leader.

Mr. Dodd's 10-minute speech responded to President Reagan's appeal to Congress to support his proposal for military and economic aid to El Salvador and other nations in Central America. Mr. Dodd called the Reagan Administration's intertwining of military and economic aid "a formula for failure."

"Fundamental Misunderstanding"

"It certainly wasn't demagogic at all," Mr. Dodd said today. "I recognized I wasn't speaking for all Democrats. Neither was the President speaking for all Republicans."

He added: "What we have here is a fundamental misunderstanding that Ambassador Kirkpatrick and the Administration have in their absolute re-

fusal to understand the indigenous nature of these revolutionary movements and what's happening in this hemisphere."

He added that Mrs. Kirkpatrick and other policymakers were miscalculating the issues in Central America. "They refuse to understand that these revolutions are caused by conditions," he said. "The effect of that is to draw in Marxist elements. But the Marxists didn't create the revolution or the conditions for it. They take advantage of them."

Mrs. Kirkpatrick said Mr. Dodd's use of figures was "grossly wrong." Mr. Dodd said in his speech that President Reagan had asked for more than \$1 billion for El Salvador, or about \$140,000 for each Salvadoran guerrilla.

"Off by 40 Percent"

"The figure of \$1 billion is off by 40 percent," Mrs. Kirkpatrick said. "Besides, most of our aid—3 to 1—goes for economic assistance and to helping the poor people that Senator Dodd says he wants to help. It has nothing to do with killing anybody. He doesn't object to giving economic assistance, does he?"

Mrs. Kirkpatrick spoke angrily about Mr. Dodd's comment at the close of his speech that the "dogs of war" will be set loose in Central America "when the cheering has stopped" if the United States deepens its military commitment to the region.

"This is strange and demagogic language that's appropriate to some other language and some other place," she said. "If anyone's unleashed the dogs of war, it's surely the guerrillas, and there's no cheering anyplace. Nobody's trying to glorify any of the tragic problems of Central America. It's utterly inappropriate, weirdly, almost surrealistically inappropriate to the proposals of the U.S. Administration."

Mrs. Kirkpatrick said it would not be discreet to identify the Democrats who told her they disliked the Dodd speech.

"I know that many Democrats didn't think it represented mainstream Democratic positions," she said.

One Congressional source said that Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Democrat of Texas, opposed the selection of Mr. Dodd, a vocal and aggressive opponent of Administration policy in Central

America, to make the Democratic response. Representative Jim Wright, Democrat of Texas, said he was "absolutely, firmly and enthusiastically" behind the President on El Salvador and did not think Senator Dodd's response was appropriate. Congressional sources said Senator Henry M. Jackson of Washington also objected to the speech.

2 Points of Accord

Mrs. Kirkpatrick said of Senator Dodd: "He began by asserting an identity of goals with the Administration with regard to no new Marxist state in the region. Then it moved on to the appalling poverty in the region, which is certainly true. And from there it went on to attack any kind of action in relationship to the problems."

Strongly backing efforts by Mexico, Venezuela, Panama and Colombia to work out a regional settlement, Mrs. Kirkpatrick added: "Any kind of regional settlement has got to take into account Nicaragua's relationships with her neighbors. It's got to begin with the problem of Nicaragua's continuous bullying and subversion and destabilization of her neighbors."

"I believe if Nicaragua had more motivation to live at peace with her neighbors, then it would be possible to have a regional solution," Mrs. Kirkpatrick said.